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James B. Donovan

James B. Donovan of 35 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, Democratic candidate for U.S. senator from New York State, was born in New York City Feb. 29, 1916, the son of a physician. His wife is the former Miss Mary McKenna. They have four children.

Mr. Donovan, a graduate of Fordham University in 1937 and Harvard Law School in 1940, has been chief counsel in major trials and appeals in more than 30 states and was assigned by the court as counsel for Rudolf Abel, indicted in U.S. Court for espionage. He arranged for the release of Francis Gary Powers from Russia and Frederick Pryor by East Germany in exchange for the release of Abel. He received commendations for this from President Kennedy and CIA director John McCone.

Mr. Donovan is a member of the new New York City Board of Education named after Gov. Rockefeller, abolished the then-existing board.

Mr. Donovan during World War 2 was counsel to the U.S. Office of Scientific Research in Washington, headed by Vannevar Bush. He graduated from Naval Training School, served as OSS counsel, and was on the staff to negotiate a treaty with Britain, France and Russia for prosecution of Axis war criminals. He retired as U.S. Naval Reserve commander.

Mr. Donovan is vice chairman of the Democratic state finance committee.

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